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SUBJECT: FIGURES ON OMAN'S LATEST LABOR ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS

(U) On January 20 the Omani Ministry of Manpower reported that 9,180 expatriates appeared before the Ministerial arbitral department, of which 3,335 were deported for 'overstaying' and/or 'absconding' within the last year. (NOTE: "Absconding" means not remaining in the employ of the original sponsor. END NOTE.) The deported expatriates had absconded or overstayed during calendar year 2009. Ministry of Manpower officials have increasingly inspected private sector offices to ensure that their labor force has their visa authorization to work for the current sponsor pursuant to Oman's labor law and ministerial decisions.
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